

The LAST Word



Merry
Christmas

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GIRL AND BOYS
OF THE MONTH

The girl of the month for the month of November is a pretty little lass by the name of Mary Jo Chase. She put in 42 hours of time here at the U.S.O. during the month of November.

Mary wore a red dress (quite the thing) for her crowning. She was presented with a corsage of talismen rose buds and a white gardenia.

I don't really think I have to describe her, because I think almost everybody knows her, but for the benefit of those who don't, here goes: Mary Jo was born in Astoria on May 26, 1935. She is 5' 3" short, short black hair like a poodle, and beautiful brown eyes. She has a laugh that is rather different to say the least, but it puts a spark into things. She graduated from Warrenton High School in May 1953. Her ambition is to become a nurse, but as of now her future is a bit undecided. Although with her personality whatever the future has in store for her, we are sure that she will succeed.

Like most people with any taste, she likes good popular music. Among her favorites, I believe that the outstanding two are "Mood Indigo" and "Beware".

Her favorite food is spaghetti (and anything else that is eatable) and she goes for all sports.

That just about sums her up, but before we close, may we again say "Thanks and Congratulations".

Our November Boy of the month is Dominic Iannazzo, SN. "Whitey" earned this honor by volunteering many hours of his time in helping with different chores here at the U.S.O., especially in cleaning and painting the cement floors, which was no easy job.

Dominic received the nickname "Whitey" soon after he joined the Navy in 1943 because it is easier to pronounce. Whitey fits him. As you no doubt guessed, he has blonde hair (at the present time it is in a crew cut). And of course, he has smiling blue eyes to go with his blonde hair. Other vital statistics are--he is 5' 6½", weighs 135 pounds, and he is single.

Whitey hails from St. Paul, Minnesota, and has lived there as long as he can remember. Most likely since February 11, 1926, which is his date of birth. Besides Whitey, there are 4 brothers and 3 sisters. Dominic is next to the youngest in the herd.

Whitey has seen much of the world. Places he has visited include Brisbane, Australia (he spent three years there); Celgon; India, Singapore, Prusian Gulf, Manila, Philippines, China, Japan, and Hawaii.

He hasn't spent all ten years in the active Navy. Five were spent in the Reserves. During this time he worked in Boy's Military Schools, Summer Camps, and Boy Scout Camps.

When Whitey isn't volunteering time at the U.S.O. or baking at the Station Galley. He is doing youth work---here in the Boy Scouts and at the Y.M.C.A. as a scout master. He got interested in this type of work while in Australia.

Whitey hasn't any particular favorites other than those that go along with Youth Work. He is an easy person to get along with, as you already know.

When asked if he is going to be a 20 year man, he replied, "As long as they want me."

Whitey will soon be leaving us for other ports. Thanks a lot Whitey for all your help and Godspeed.

HIGH POINT GIRLS FOR NOVEMBER

	Hours	Points
Mary Jo Chase	42	65
(Girl of the Month for November)		
Virginia Wofford	53	57
(Girl of the Month for August)		
Sue Sells	42	51
Patricia McKenna	48	48
(Girl of the Month for May)		

CARL & BOYS OF THE MONTH CON'T.

BOY OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

Full Name...William Joseph Patterson
Birthplace...Des Moines, Iowa
Birthdate...November 26, 1934
Brothers & Sisters...1 Younger Brother
Favorite Color...Blue (Not Navy)
Favorite Food...Cherry Pie
Favorite Pastime...Dancing
Plans for the future...Wants to live in Boulder, Colorado and have a Radio & TV repair shop.
Height...5' 8"
Weight...140
Eyes...Blue
Hair...Light Brown
Marital Status...Single
Comments on the U.S.O. ... Lots of nice cooking and girls.
Pet Peeve...To go pick up a girl for a date and find another fellow there.

Bill earned the honor of "Boy of the Month" for October by mainly volunteering many hours of time to repairing the movie projector and constructing the Hi-Fi system. We sincerely appreciate all this Bill and thanks a lot.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Come one...Come All

To where? Why to the Sunday night dinners at the U.S.O.

If you are one of those people that stay out at the base on Sunday's with nothing to do, Wise Up! You are missing all the fun.

On Sunday afternoons the U.S.O. has basketball and volleyball for servicemen with nothing to do. After a while we are going to start plans for Sunday outings.

Sunday nights, we have a supper for service men. After supper, we have singing, and sometimes we have entertainment. Take for instance the night of November 28th, when the U.S.O. Choir sang three songs, and two girls from Warrenton by the names of Corrine Iderson and Marleen Parker put on a pantomime act. They Pantomined three songs, and these girls were good. Ask anyone who was there, they can tell you. The three songs that they gave were. "How Could You Believe Me When I Told You That I Loved You, When You Know I've Been A Liar All My Life", "Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better", and "I'm Glad". The guys around here are still talking about it. They want the girls back again.

These are only two of the things that happen here on Sundays, and if you do not want to miss the fun, may I advise you to be here. There will always be something coming off.

SONG DEDICATIONS

"BEWARE" ... To all the people that should.
"SMILE" ... To the three that always smile. 1, 2, and 3.
"ONE SWEET LETTER" ... To Verna. Maybe some day, and let me know when it comes.
"THE LADY IN RED" ... To Mary Jo. The song speaks for itself.
"SLEEP" ... To Ed. Who is sure getting a lot of it.
"FIVE FOUR TWO, EYES OF BLUE" To Sue. with heels on.
"OVER THE WAVES" ... To Jerry who will soon be leaving us.
"SLEEPY TIME GAL" ... To Pat Mc. Good - Morning Pat.
"THE VERY THOUGHT OF YOU" ... To Janice.
"SOMETHING TO GO WITH THE WINE" ... To Roger Jacob. Roger and Pats' Joke.
"IT'S LOVE" ... To Little Bear and Puppy Dog.
"GREEN EYES" ... To Marcia. Need I say more? From Pat
"TO OLD TO CUT THE MUSTARD ANYMORE" ... To Mr. Mantell from all the ping pong players.
"RAIN, RAIN, RAIN" ... To Astoria
"I'M A FOOL FOR YOU" ... To Norma & George
"A FOGGY NIGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO" ... To Ferd. Maybe some night we will be there.
"WISH YOU WERE HERE" ... To Jan.
"THE BIG MAHU" To Dudley from Pat. In your free time look up the word "Mahu".
"SISTERS" ... To Sue and Mary Jo. Break out the guns.
"MR. RECORD MAN" ... To John, Don, & Neil at KVAS.
"FOOLS PARADISE" ... To all Fools! ??????
"I MISS YOU SO" ... To Laverne from David
Don't we know it.

By Pat P.

THE SERVICEMEN COUNCIL

The service men's Council met on Tuesday December 7, 1954 to plan some of the coming events that will be going on around the U.S.O. Only seven men were there for the meeting. Mr. Mantell would like to have about 20 men come around for the meetings. This is for your own entertainment. It lets people know what you want to do, and when is the best time to do it: so you fellows drop around on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. and let us know what you want to do. Help make the U.S.O. a place where you want to spend your time. Thanks!



MUSIC BY THE MARINERS

THE TEN TOP TUNES OF THE NATION

Here is another article on us Hep Cats with the odd shaped horns, that give out with the crazy music every Thursday night.

We have progressed right along the last three months. As of now we have 26 pieces playable for dances. That should sound good to you cats that don't like to hear the same piece twice.

In the last three months we have played for several different organizations. The latest being at the Portland Air Force Base. Those Bee-Bopers really liked our music and want us to come back again. Due to the mass confusion over the holidays, it will be after the first of the year before we can make it.

We, of the Mariners would like to comment about intermission musicians. All intermission musicians are welcome to try out for the Mariners if they so desire. We would appreciate it very much if you would refrain from practicing during dance intermission. We feel that if you need the practice, there are other arrangements that can be made. Thank you very much.

I guess it is time to blast off for a late date. So grab your gals and buzz out to the next dance.

SANTA'S GRAB BAG

We just completed a poll as to what some of the people around here want for Christmas. We will forward the list to Santa Claus, but we can't promise any results.

DUDLEY - Please have Pat pick up her feet when dancing. My corns hurt.

MUZZ - A million dollars.

AL ENGLE - Bring my girl.

JIM DYE - A cadillac with a built in bar.

WM. SHOEMAKER - A new set of tires.

FRANK BLANKE - A jug of wine.

GEORGE CHRISTOPHERSON - A beautiful blonde.

VERNE McDOUGALL - An honorable discharge.

I. M. LAWSON - A tatoo.

STEPHEN RABEHL - A new car.

FRED - A young baby doll.

VERNA - A years vacation with everything at an isle of paradise with the person of my choice.

GERRY RIEHL - Two real front teeth.

SUE - A new typewriter.

REIL PATTERSON - One certain "Red Head."

JIM BILLINGSLEY - A gallon of moonshine.

JOHN WOODROW - A transfer to San Francisco.

PAT PATRONE - My orders.

CHUCK McCONNELL - Ha! Ask anyone who knows.

PAT MC - Ten free lessons on how to to the Famous Wally Walrus Bounce.

"FLASH". From this day on, we will try to bring you the ten top tunes of the nation in every copy of "The Last Word". This information will be given to us by John, Don, and Sarge at radio station KVAS, 1230 on your radio dial. Your music, news, and sports station in Astoria. So without further adieu, here we go.

1. Mr. Sandman - by the Chordettes.

2. I Need You Now - By Eddie Fisher.

3. This Old House - By Rosemary Clooney.

4. If I Give My Heart To You - By Doris Day.

5. Teach Me Tonight - By the DeGastro Sisters.

6. Papa Loves Mombo - By Perry Como

7. Hold My Hand - By Don Cornell.

8. Hey There - by Rosemary Clooney.

9. Count Your Blessings - by Eddie Fisher.

10. The Naughty Lady From Shady Lane - by the Ames Brothers.

Songs Coming Up Fast - taken from the Recordland Magazine,...

Just For Laughs (backed with - b/w) The Very Thought Of You, by Bob Manning.

Love Me b/w Papa's Puttin' the Pressure On, by Connie Russell.

Hurt b/w Star of Love - by Roy Hamilton.

Recordland Magazine has an article out on this boy, and they say he is going place and fast, so keep your eye on him. He sings on the Epic lable, and the songs that he has released so far include:

"Beware"

"You'll Never Walk Alone"

"Ebb Tide"

"I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Cry Over You."

COMING EVENTS

December 18.....Christmas Dance -USO

December 20.....Christmas Eve Refreshment hour -10pm to 11pm

December 25.....Christmas Cabaret Dance

December 30.....Christmas Buffet Supper

December 30.....New Years Dance at E.M. Club.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

Zion Lutheran Church - Candelight Services - 11:30 pm.

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Midnight Mass - 12:00 pm.

CHIT CHAT

Another of the 401 boys, Ray Comeaux, SN, sometimes called Perry Como, leaves December 15, to go home way down in Broussard, Louisiana on 30 days leave. Following this he reports to San Diego for duty aboard the LSM 547. There is a chance this ship may be coming up to Astoria. Ray hopes so and so do we. We'd like to see him back playing the trumpet in the Band and also seeing him play his two favorite games -- volleyball and ping pong.

REQUEST FOR SANTA

Well, I Guess everyone has heard the song "All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth". The USO gang theme is "All We Want For Christmas is "Snow", two (2) feet" And Santa Please send some more girls here for us fellows, cause it gets sad when we have to dance with ourselves.

All of us guys and gals have been very good this year, course there are a few exceptions to this rul. That being "Verna", alias the Bushwoman "Antics" at Short Sands Park!!!

Also "Ed" pulled a "Boo Boo" has to be in bed at 1900 every nite, so Santa please help him get off restriction.

Santa, also I pause a moment to say (let us all be thankful we are Americans and enjoy the four (4) freedoms that we as Americans enjoy.

And as you say, Santa, Merry Christmas To All and To All Good-nite.

By Wally

P.S. Was the nite before Christmas, when all through the Park, not a creature was stirring, not even a lark,

When at the USO, sounds arose with a clatter, even Pat Mc. (alias, the slow mule) came down to see what was the matter.

The gang tore through the door, windows, and sash, tripped over the wastepaper can spilling some trash.

We all assembled and looking around, saw **nothing** am'iss in this old "Rainie" town.

When out in front, a very loud noise, and tires asliding , a red racer came, with a little old driver so lively and quick, all knew it was Wally instead of Saint Nick.

He came thru the door, all soaked and wet, cause outside it was raining yet.

All laying our fingers to our noses, up the stairs we arose.

He said not a word, just started opening ' his pack, presnts for all...good old (hard tack).

We laughed at him in spite of ourselves. He was dressed all in red from his head to his foot, his head all tarnished with ashes and soot.

He was round little fellow, his dimples how merry, his cheeks like roses (4) roses (Hic). His nose like a cherry, quite a round self, he shook all over like a wind-blown elf.

After completing his job of filling stockings (believe me that was a job. Some of these gals shore have got big feet) down the stairs he and we all goes.

Out to his racer on the run, jumped in with a huff, both stackes went with a puff, tore round the corner and out of sight, we could leave say as he tore off into the the night, to all back-sitting creatures, Merry Christmas and to you all goodnite.

CHIT CHAT

Hi!
Were we are again to bring you up to date on the lates news. The news this month being mainly on departures.

Tom Stam, FN, the big Dutchman from the mighty Y, the Yucona, was transferred December 8, to the CGC "Taney", Government Island in Alameda, California. Alameda is Tom's home town and this is what he has wanted all the year and three months he has been here. Tom said he would miss the USO but not Astoria and the ship.

Ben Strausser, one of the boys you met last month, left Dec. 6, for 30 days leave at Home. After that he reports to San Francisco for duty aboard the USS

"Boxer"
Jerry Hanks, the other boy leaves Dec. 15 for 30 days at home and then on to San Francisco for duty aboard the USS "Oriskany" (CVA-34).

This is all this reporter can think of for now, so a Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy New Year.



GOD REST YOU MERRY, EVERYONE
AND LEND YOUR CHRISTMAS CHEER!
MAY HIS BRIGHT AND SHINING LIGHT
ATTEND YOU THROUGH THE YEAR.